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BROWN & CO., 805 Kansas Avenue, have an entire new line of **HOLIDAY NOVELTIES** in Underwear, Gloves, Silk Umbrellas, Walking Sticks, Mufflers, Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs, etc., from which you can select a very suitable Christmas Present for gentlemen.

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805 KANSAS AVENUE.

SNAP SHOTS AT HOME NEWS.

This is mighty pretty weather for this season of the year. It's better to enjoy it while it's here than to have a heavy snow or a blizzard.

Mrs. S. M. Gardehire is in Chicago. Charles Blood Smith went to Chicago yesterday.

The Christmas folks are beginning to come to town.

A. H. Vance does not want to see Potvin annexed to Topeka.

Six new clerks have been added to the force at Ettinger's for the holidays.

New gas lamps will be put in the three county offices on East Fifth street.

The large business houses on Kansas avenue now keep open until 10 o'clock p. m.

The railroad has made a half rate for teachers to attend the state association.

Judge Thomas of North Dakota, who will try the Hillman case, will arrive soon.

D. C. Tillotson will address the Sons of Veterans camp at Mankato Friday night.

A barn belonging to A. L. House, was slightly damaged by fire about midnight last night.

Fred Garland, a crazy man from Lyon county, was placed in the asylum last evening.

The Social Purity league wants the young son of Nora Kline placed in the reform school.

W. J. Black witnessed "The Railroad Ticket" from a box last night. It is his line of business.

The county clerk is drawing warrants on the treasurer for the jurors and witnesses of the grand jury.

Pianos are so common in Topeka that there is one in an undertaker's room and also one in a billiard hall.

A Topeka girl has capped the climax. She spells her name neither "May," "Mae" nor "Ma" but "Meigh."

A fire at 730 last evening slightly damaged the house at 327 Hancock street, occupied by C. W. Link.

The particularly interested people about town are beginning to be anxious about the chief of police question.

There will be no other show at the Grand now until Christmas afternoon, when Florence Bindley will be there.

James Murphy of the mail carriers' force is very sick with typhoid malarial fever at his home at 435 east First street.

The county commissioners have authorized Sheriff Burdge to have the hoisting apparatus in the county jail repaired.

The congregational meeting of the First Christian church has been postponed until the first Monday in January.

Rev. G. B. Howard is conducting revival services at the Wesleyan Methodist church, corner of Third and Jefferson streets.

The county clerk of the state will hold a convention at Medina December 20. County Clerk McCabe will attend the meeting.

Mrs. Davis and her pupils in the primary department of the Tecumseh school have sent a comforter to the Orphan's Home.

Contractor Stevenson's estimate of \$3,000 for work done on the court house has been allowed. The building will cost \$34,314.63.

The Santa Fe had another homeseekers excursion yesterday to Oklahoma and Texas and sold nearly thirty tickets in Topeka.

S. E. Younk and wife of Garfield, Pawnee county, are in Topeka visiting the family of W. A. Moss, of the Fifth Avenue hotel.

Long observation will convince one that the average telephone conversation consists mostly of "What-ah?" and "all right," with a nasal twang.

Isn't it pleasant after you have rented a house for a year at \$20, to meet your cheerful friend who knows where you can get a dozen better ones for \$15.

Major Sully is working up a Christmas dinner for the poor people of Kansas City. The Topeka Salvation Army will give its annual dinner on New Year's day.

Christ hospital recently received in response to its annual call for donations \$123 in cash; \$98 came from the boxes provided each year at Bartholomew & Co.'s office.

A pre-emption certificate which was issued in 1890, and signed by President Buchanan and Secretary Seward, has been filed with the county clerk by H. M. Bates.

Rev. John A. Bright has returned from St. Louis, where he was a delegate to the seventh annual convention of the Boys' and Girls' National Home and Employment association.

The postoffice officials say the registry and money order business of the office here is larger just now than it has been

for several preceding years at this time, and the holiday business looks almost alarming.

All the members of the Ministerial Union have been sent invitations for the formal opening of the new Elbow opera house, at which a promenade and dance are the prominent features.

Four members of Battery B. K. N. G., of Topeka, have passed examination into the regular army and will join the Ft. Riley hospital corps. They are A. C. Duckworth, Frank Ross, O. S. Taylor and Percy Crall.

J. S. Kellam has sold his restaurant on the east side of Kansas avenue between Seventh and Eighth, and together with a young man named Mowers, from Silver Lake, will open a livery barn on Quincy street, between Fifth and Sixth.

On Christmas and New Year's days the postoffice will be closed with the exception of the stamp and general delivery departments which will be open from 8 to 10 o'clock a. m. The carriers will make only one delivery, the early morning one.

Carl Osborn is the champion jumper of the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium. His record last night was 9 feet and 4 inches.

Neis Dweilley won the pole vault at 7 feet 9 inches. W. A. Benson won the 100-yard dash in 35 seconds. R. S. Montgomery climbed a 15 foot rope in 15 seconds.

Althea Briggs-Stryker, president of the Kansas Suffrage Resubmission club, has sent the journals at about four columns of copy in behalf of the position her board of the suffrage association takes in asking the legislature to resubmit the question. A. H. Case in a long article declares it would be contrary to the constitution to grant the women the right to vote for presidential electors, as asked by certain suffragists.

NO INTERFERENCE.

The Chicken Fight as Free From Molestation as a Thumb Nail Party.

No secret was made of the fact that there was to be a chicken fight at the fair grounds last night between Topeka and Olathe birds for stakes amounting to \$120 and side bets.

Nevertheless there wasn't a city or county officer in sight, and the disgraceful sport proceeded as free from interference as though it was a harmless debating society or a thumb nail party.

There were 200 sports present, many of them from out of the city. There were seven fights and the pit was 15 feet square. As a rule the Topeka birds won. Ex-Sheriff Flora of Leavenworth county was the referee of the event. Ed Hossfeld weighed the birds, Assistant State Auditor Mackey held the stakes, George Rasmussen "opened door" and Bill George handled the birds.

THE NEW OPERA HOUSE.

It Will be Opened with a "Promenade Concert" Thursday Evening.

The "Bijou opera house" at 629 Quincy street will be opened with a "Promenade Concert" from eight to ten o'clock Thursday evening. Refreshments will then be served for an hour and there will be dancing till midnight. A large number of printed invitations have been issued and there will be no charge. Marshall's full band will furnish the music for the Promenade Concert.

This is a very pretty little theater and has a very pretty stage with very pretty scenery painted in Topeka. There are eight large dressing rooms, four up stairs back of the stage and four down stairs. There is a nice little balcony and the decorations are splendid, a little statuary being used to lighten the effect. H. W. Atkinson and J. C. Darling are the proprietors.

BOYS, GIRLS AND "KIDS."

Regarding Those Watches.

The Green Coal Co. want to thank each one of the 267 boys and girls who sent them advertisements in competition for the two watches.

Also we are sorry we could not afford to give two dozen watches for there were many "ads" deserving of a watch which will bring none, because there were only two watches but a lot of good ads.

The girl's watch was awarded to Leona L. Dudley, 1137 Morris avenue, and the boy's to Warren P. Chaney, 1005 West Sixth street. The committee who made the award was Rev. J. B. Thomas, J. H. Squires and T. A. Beck.

Now keep your eyes open for the ads which will appear in a few days, also you unsuccessful boys, girls and "kids" keep your eyes on the Green Coal Co.'s ads for some time.

You'll have to buy coal yourselves later and you want to know where to get it, also you'll see some of your own work in our future ads.

GREEN COAL CO.

532 Kansas ave.

Word comes from all quarters that the nearest and most satisfactory dye for coloring the beard a brown or black is Buckingham's Dye for the Whiskers.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

Fred O. Popenoe is expected home from an eastern trip Saturday.

Assistant State Auditor Mackey was one of the principals at the cock fight last night. He held the stakes.

The annual meeting of the Kansas Academy of Science will be held at Manhattan, December 27, 28 and 29.

F. M. Benefield of Montgomery county one of the old members of the house who was reelected has joined the crowd at the Copeland.

Harry Richter of Council Grove, who has been in both houses of the legislature, is in the city trying to keep in touch with the "gang."

F. G. Powers of Cowley county, one of the members of the Douglas house who will occupy a seat on the floor again this winter, has joined the politicians in Topeka.

Samuel I. Hale of Lacrosse, Rush county, who was defeated for re-election to the legislature, is now a candidate for a place on the state board of pardons.

Governor-elect Morrill and his private secretary, J. L. Bialow, spent several hours last evening with Governor Lowell and Private Secretary Close at the executive office.

The citizens of Hill Top, Greenwood county, have petitioned the state board of railroad commissioners to compel the Santa Fe to open a station and keep an agent at Hill Top.

The supreme court has issued a preliminary writ of habeas corpus for the release of J. P. Smith, a lottery man from the Wyandotte county jail. This case will be argued January 4.

R. H. Chandler of Chase county, who was elected to the legislature on the Republican ticket by a majority of one vote, is at the Copeland. Mr. Chandler will champion a new road tax law.

Samuel T. Howe of Topeka, is to read a paper on "Taxation and Assessment" before the state board of agriculture at its regular meeting. Governor Lowell is to deliver the address of welcome.

There will be a meeting of the executive committee of the State Temperance union the first of next week to arrange for the annual meeting of the union, which has been called for the 17th of January.

State Senator Edwin Taylor of Wyandotte county, who is known in the commercial world as "Sweet Potato Taylor," will read a paper about raising "Stringers" before the annual meeting of the state board of agriculture.

Governor McKinley of Ohio has written to Governor Lowell for copies of the official ballot and election laws of Kansas. The secretary of state will forward the required documents which will be filed in the Ohio state library.

The advance sheets of the regular programme for the twenty-fourth annual meeting of the state board of agriculture are out. Secretary Coburn has published the "Kansas papers" have written about me. I have a sort of philosophical way of doing my work according to the best of my ability and with the highest lights given to me. Then I leave the judgment to the One who gave me my ability and who sheds the lights."

There will be two (Demo-Pop) members of the house this winter, T. P. Wilson of Kiowa, Barber county, and F. H. Smith of Goodland, Sherman county. John Schieler of Hays City, Ellis county, will be the only straight Democrat on the floor.

President H. E. Alvord of the Oklahoma agricultural college, is to give an illustrated talk on "cornstalks" before the farmers of the state board of agriculture next month. J. E. Hoagland of Whiting, is to talk about "the Farmer in Politics and the Fraternal Orders."

Charles Martin of Salina who was one of the efficient office men of the Republican state central committee during the campaign and who will be a candidate for the position of chief clerk in the lower house of congress is visiting the politicians in Topeka.

Tom McNeal says: "If congress would lop off a few millions which are wasted every year in trying to make rivers navigable which haven't enough water in them to make a good heavy dew, and spend the money to build reservoirs to store water, that body would be more useful to the country."

Joseph Henley and Otto Eckstein are the leading Republican candidates for the nomination for representative in the Sixty-seventh district in Sedgewick county, where a special election is to be held to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Major U. M. Lawrence. The nominating convention will be held on Friday.

Opera glasses—at the largest assortment and lowest prices—at Swift & Holliday's.

112 and 114 West 8th, Peerless Steam Laundry.

Window Glass at Holme's Drug Store.

HAVE TO BUY JUSTICE.

That Is the Situation in Which the Litigant

FINDS HIMSELF WHEN GOING TO LAW.

Every One from the Constables Upward Seems to Be Bent on Flacking Him.

Kansas is one of the worst fee-ridden states in the Union, and Shawnee county gives up more than her share of the plunder. The members of the bar as well as men in other professions who are familiar with the workings of the county courts, realize this, and agree that fees ought to be reduced radically.

"Justice should be as nearly free as possible." This is the way one attorney put it and he struck the key-note when he said it. "The justice courts," he says, "are primarily the tribunals of the poor people who can't afford to pay from sixty dollars to one hundred dollars for a little civil or criminal lawsuit. Justice ought to be cheaper than that. I don't see why justice is a commodity that ought to be sold at a high price regulated by a combine. I was once a justice of the peace myself and I know the trouble is not so much with the law as it is with the justices. They put constructions on it which its framers never intended. They charge for little details in a case which are wholly unnecessary. The fault with the law is that it is so loosely constructed as to permit such practices. If a justice of the peace were disposed to observe the spirit of the law and not use the office as a fee-manufacturing machine, as the JOURNAL suggests, they could be a great convenience to the poor people and a valuable aid to sound justice."

Judge A. H. Quinton says he can figure up, off-hand, \$18.50 which he paid into the district clerk's office this year in fees, and supposes there is more. Mr. Quinton considers the fees he has paid greater by far than the revenue he received from his profession. It is not an uncommon thing to see a lawyer pay \$50 or \$100 fees in a case in which his own fee was represented by a double X.

Aaron Jetmore thinks the county should be responsible for none of the fees in a justice court—that the litigants should pay their own costs except where pauper affidavits show them to be unable to pay, when the justice would get nothing. He can afford it, and poor people should have some tribunal. "If I were in the legislature," Mr. Jetmore says, "a bill of this sort would be the first measure I would introduce."

The fight against fee-grabbing meets with unanimous approval of the attorney, and in fact every one else except the office holders themselves and their subordinates. The lawyers as a rule are reluctant to make the matter an individual fight, however, for they are dependent upon the district clerk and the sheriff for many small favors, which, if denied, would hamper them greatly in their legal work, with absolutely no redress. "They could set us back eight or nine months in a lawsuit merely by ignoring common courtesies," one lawyer says. This is the reason the names of lawyers are not given in connection with the light on fees. After the bar has taken a united action, as they propose to do, they will be less reluctant to tell what they know about illegal fees. They have nearly all had a taste of it.

PAPA LEASE.

Mrs. Lease Says That He Is a Much Abused Man.

A California reporter tried to get Mrs. Lease to talk about Mr. Lease. He asked:

"How about Mr. Lease and those socks which the Kansas papers say he has to darn when you are out on your campaign?"

"This was fun for Mrs. Lease. She giggled with laughter and seemed to thoroughly enjoy the picture of Papa Lease at the family hearthstone manipulating a darning ball and needle, closing the roots which had been worn in his half hose, while his wife was wearing holes in the Kansas atmosphere with her eloquence."

"Mr. Lease is a dreadfully abused man," she chuckled. "The New York picture papers have had a lot of funny cartoons about him, especially Judge. But if I'm such a terror as they say I am, Mr. Lease ought to feel glad that I'm away from home so much, even if he does have to darn his own socks."

"But what the papers say about me for good or ill doesn't worry me much. I don't suppose I have seen one-tenth of what the Kansas papers have written about me. I have a sort of philosophical way of doing my work according to the best of my ability and with the highest lights given to me. Then I leave the judgment to the One who gave me my ability and who sheds the lights."

NEW CORPORATIONS.

Companies Organized to Do Business in Kansas Granted Charters.

The following charters have been filed with the secretary of state:

The Spiritville Coal and Mining company, capital stock, \$1,000. Directors—J. E. Baird, H. W. Dorsett, J. M. Leidigh, J. B. Paige, P. J. Upp.

The Farmers' bank of Gardner, Kas.; capital stock, \$5,000. Directors—E. P. Sheen, Art Bigelow, G. B. Armstrong, V. R. Ellis, D. Sheen, C. W. Hale, W. W. Sponsable, W. E. Kelly and W. J. Johnston.

That Dinner For the Poor.

The Salvation Army will give its third annual dinner to the poor of this city, on New Year's day, instead of Christmas. Owing to the late changes of officers in charge, the time is too short to prepare it for Christmas day. They will endeavor to feed 600 persons. Captain and Mrs. Dodd are in charge, and will need the assistance of all, to make the dinner a success. There will be collectors out with subscription papers, to make a note of your donation, and if you do not come in contact with them, and can help either with money or provisions, please send to S. A. Headquarters, 709 Van Buren street, Topeka, Kansas.

Helme's Grocery Store Closed.

G. R. Helme's grocery at 933 Kansas avenue is closed. This week he put the boys under the door and sent a note to Parkhurst & Davis explaining that he was unable to meet his obligations. He said they were welcome to his stock. On the strength of this letter Parkhurst & Davis filed an attachment suit against the stock and will in a few days assume possession of it, as the writ will probably not be contested.

HOLIDAY GIFTS

That are Useful and Ornamental,

Are what you are all looking for—something that is substantial and something that does not cost too much. WE THINK WE HAVE WHAT YOU WANT. Look at the list of a few appropriate

HOLIDAY GIFTS
That we give below, and see if we are not right

Smyrna Rugs, all sizes.
Wilton Rugs, 27x36 inch to 36x72 inch.
Reversible Brussels Rugs, all sizes.
Flesh Rugs, all sizes.
Axminster Rugs, carpet sizes.
Japanese Rugs, 3 ft. by 6 ft. to 12 ft. by 15 ft.
Ingrain Art Square for Dining Room.
Screens, Hassock, and Blocking Cases.
Lace Curtains, Portieres and Table Covers.
Carpet Sweepers that we guarantee to be the finest in the market.

H. H. Mills & Son
NO. 625 KANSAS AVE.

THE MUSIC WAS WAY UP.

No Such Musical Features Often Seen in Farce Comedy as Last Night.

No matter what has been said about Freeman's Funmakers in regard to their stalling gags, their skit is a good one, and will always be remembered as a very good musical farce comedy—the funniest Topeka has seen this year.

A good house in all parts greeted them in "A Railroad Ticket" at the Grand last night. Only one other comedy this season has done a better business here, and that was Corbett's.

"A Railroad Ticket" is a musical farce comedy. There is lots of fun and good singing in it, and it is all well done. There is nothing very wearying about it. There were no hitches about anything went with "snaps and ginger" that showed careful training in all lines. Mr. Freeman compels three rehearsals a week.

James Kelly, who came nearer being starred than anybody else, was good as Chips, but there were better actors in the cast.

Wm. Blaisdel, who played the part of the ticket broker, was good enough, but not so good as Arthur Moulton used to be.

About the best farce comedy part in the piece is Percy Vere, the collector, as played by Frank Gardiner. He was very funny and his specialties were good.

Harry Porter is a young man who made a great hit with the audience last night. He played three parts and played them all well. He first appeared as Prof. Rainbow in the scientific committee, then as Tammany Hall and once as Lithograph Bill. He has a great face and he nearly got it upside down at times. As Lithograph Bill, his song "The Bowery Girl" was about as good as it could possibly be.

The women of the company were all very good for farce comedy people and their singing was superior to anything found in farces. No contralto has been heard in Topeka since Seachell was here equal to Alice Carla. It is more melodious than Seachell.

Mrs. Louise Heck of Topeka, whose stage name is Maybelle Eckert, has a very good little part in Isabel and played it well.

Topeka people were proud last night that a Topeka musician, Louise Heck has charge of the musical department.

There is every evidence of Heck's training and energy in the manner in which the musical features of the piece are given. They are of a really superior grade.

ONE WOMAN'S OPINION.

What She Says About Good Furniture.

"Yes, I've been in nearly all the stores where they have Christmas goods for sale. After viewing the matter all over I came to the conclusion to buy something in the line of furniture. Furniture, you know, is so practical, and this year you can get so many pretty things. Do you know, I was surprised at the extent and variety of stock exhibited by one of our furniture firms. They just simply have everything one could wish for, and such nice, tasty furniture it is, too. I have been in quite a number of furniture stores, but some how or other I can't explain it, their furniture always seems so clean, stylish, tasty and reasonable in price. Yes, I have bought all this furniture there, and right glad I am that I



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Mme. Yale's Headquarters, 146 State St., Chicago.

did. Isn't it pretty? You want to know where I got this furniture? Why, there is only one store. I always buy there, the firm of Thompson Bros., 626 Kansas avenue."

ROCKEFELLER'S NEPHEW. Put in the U. S. Navy to End His Career of Spendthrift.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—J. N. Langdon of Philadelphia, nephew of John D. Rockefeller the oil king, has enlisted in the navy and is to take a clerkship aboard the old ship Independence, at Mare Island. Langdon seems to have caused his rich relatives a deal of trouble. He arrived here some weeks ago from Japan, contracting a big bill at the Palace and California hotels, scattered checks about, but all came back dishonored.

He was a guest at the University club where he left a large wine room account for his sponsor to settle, and engaged in various financial operations, purchasing a \$5,000 equipment from Sudebaker's carriage house for which he did not pay.

Langdon's eastern friends came to his rescue on the understanding, it is said, that he enter the navy, securing an easy berth with very small salary.

Increased Duties on Tobacco. WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Probably to meet the emergencies of the rebellion, the Peruvian government has already increased the duty on cigars, cigarettes and tobacco from other than south and central American countries.

A Kodak makes a good Christmas present. Swift & Holliday have them.

Good work done by the Peerless